



**DEVON**  
 PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
*The Pianist Fathers*

# TIDINGS

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## PARENTS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS GALA

Kicking off the holiday season on Saturday, December 5, Devon Preparatory School's Parents Association hosted a Christmas Gala in the beautifully decorated Calasanctius Hall. The nearly 100 year old mansion served as the perfect setting for this annual event which drew more than 100 parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Devon Prep.

The hors d'oeuvres and light dinner were provided by Devon Prep Parent Mrs. Ruth Kalivas. Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Brenda Wickersham served as event chairs with assistance from committee members Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Theresa Boland, Mr. and Mrs. John and Bernadette Weis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Nancy Bonner, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and Joan Hardaway.

For more photos: <http://tinyurl.com/xmas-gala-09>



## "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"



Devon Prep's Foreign Language Department held a "Christmas Around the World" festival throughout the day on December 14. Traditional foods, as well as family favorites, from German, French, Spanish and Italian speaking countries were provided by teachers and students. The food included everything from German gingerbread cookies and Mexican Biscochitos to Italian Pizelle. For students, faculty and staff it was a festive and delicious way to celebrate the holiday season.

For more photos: <http://tinyurl.com/lang-fest-09>

## DEVON PREP 2009-10 FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

The following Devon Prep students were named to the 2009-10 First Quarter Honor Roll. **Distinguished Honors** reflects an average of 3.80 and above. **Honors** reflects an average of 3.0 and above.

### DISTINGUISHED HONORS

#### SENIORS

Michael G. Bevilacqua  
 Robert F. Bildner  
 Jacob R. Boehmer  
 Andrew E. Callahan

Justin P. Chiccarine  
 Brendan M. Coyne  
 Peter A. DeLong  
 Patrick T. Doherty  
 Joseph G. Donatoni  
 Brendan P. Fulmer  
 Daniel B. Gaeto

Matthew C. Gruchacz  
 Stephen A. Haas  
 Thomas R. Hallinan  
 Patrick W. Henry  
 Mark L. Hillegass  
 Shane J. Howard  
 Rahul J. Joyce

Theodore J. Lawrence  
 Alex Lee  
 Carl B. Luchetti  
 Ryan P. Luffey  
 Kevin R. Maloney  
 Jordan R. McDevitt  
 James P. Meyer

Samuel P. Parkinson  
 Anthony M. Raymundo  
 Andrew L. Robie  
 Brian R. Silvestri  
 Christopher F. Smith

For the complete list:  
<http://tinyurl.com/1st-qtr-honor-roll>

## SENIORS EXPERIENCE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

As part of Devon Prep's Christian Service Program, several seniors, Mark Hillegass, James Meyer, Peter DeLong, Ted Lawrence, and Griff Roberts, spent a day preparing and serving meals in a Norristown soup kitchen operated by the Missionary Sisters of Charity.

The students began their day by praying with the Sisters. Then the young men set about their work of preparing food and helping the Sisters set up for the guests. They served 45 or so guests, interacting with them while providing what may have been their only meal of the day. More at: <http://tinyurl.com/soup-kitchen2>



## JUNIOR RING MASS

Devon Prep Juniors received their high school rings during a special Mass celebrated by Headmaster, Rev. James Shea, and concelebrated by Rev. Geza Pazmany, Rev. Richard Wyzkiewicz and Rev. Mr. Nelson Henao. Faculty, parents, and family were in attendance as the rings were blessed and distributed to each young man by Father Shea. Music for the Mass was provided by The Faithful Band of St. John Chrysostom Parish in Wallingford. After the Mass a reception was held in Calasancius Hall. For more photos:

<http://tinyurl.com/ring-mass-09>



## CAP COLLECTS GIFTS AND CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY



Devon Prep's Christian Action Program (CAP) marked the holiday season by sponsoring their annual collection of gifts and clothing for those in need. Through the generosity of the students, faculty, staff and parents, CAP collected nearly 200 gifts including, new clothing, hats, gloves, towels and gift certificates. The members of CAP sorted the wrapped gifts so they could be donated to Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter in West Chester, St. Elizabeth's Community Center in North Philadelphia, and My Brother's House in South Philadelphia.

In addition CAP also collected over 100 bags of used clothing to be donated to the Purple Heart Foundation.

More photos: <http://tinyurl.com/CAP-xmas-drive>

## CHRISTMAS AT DEVON PREP

Christmas time at Devon Prep means a beautifully decorated Calasancius Hall, the Middle School Door Decorating Contest, holiday gifts for the needy, Freshman German students singing Christmas carols, and more. For more photos:

<http://tinyurl.com/dp-xmas-photos>



# DEVON PREP ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to the following Devon Prep athletes who have been recognized by the Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL) and Main Line Media News.

## SOCCER

Seniors **Kevin Maloney** and **Chris Smith** were named to the **All Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL) Second Team**. Senior **Ian Smith** and Junior **Andrew Fletcher** received **Honorable Mentions**.

In addition Junior **Andrew Fletcher** received an Honorable Mention on the **2009 All Main Line Boys Soccer Team** - published by the *Main Line Times* and *Main Line Suburban Life* - <http://tinyurl.com/ylolydh>.

## GOLF

Seniors **Andrew Carroll** and **Zach Koehler** were named to the **All Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL) First Team**. Senior **Mark Hillegass** and Sophomore **Kyle Koehler** were named to the **All Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL) Second Team**. Senior **Zach Chunglo** received an **Honorable Mention**.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Junior **Alex DiMarzio** was named to the **2009 All Main Line Cross Country Second Team**. Senior **Matt DiMaio**, Sophomore **Spencer LaTran**, and Freshman **Tom Seykora**, received **Honorable Mentions**. <http://tinyurl.com/all-main-line-cc>

## BASKETBALL TEAM WINS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Devon Prep's Varsity Basketball Team for capturing the Stan Novak Tournament in Springfield, Montgomery County, by defeating Springfield High School 49-42. Senior **Jeff Hughes** was named **Tournament MVP**. Senior **Tom Hallinan** and Junior **Duncan Becker** were named to the **All Tournament Team**. <http://tinyurl.com/daily-local-tournament>

## DEVON PREP 5K CHALLENGE

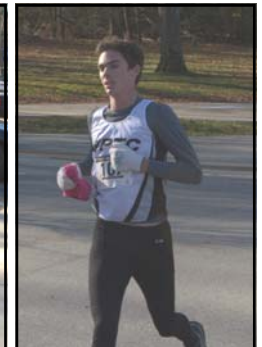


Rusty Davison, Dan Mulhern

The 19th Annual Devon Prep 5K Challenge took place on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM with more than 135 runners and walkers. Emerging from the throng of alumni, parents, faculty, students and friends were three young alumni finishing first (**Jon Sclafani '06**) second (**Dave Evans '08**), and fourth place (**Conor Logan '09**). All three run for St. Joseph's University. With help from many members of the Devon Prep Community, **Dan Mulhern '02** and **Rusty Davison '01** organized another successful 5K Run.

For more photos: <http://tinyurl.com/devon5k-09>

From left: Dave Evans, Jon Sclafani, Conor Logan



## RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

As he has for many years, Devon Prep Headmaster Fr. James Shea will lead students, parents, and faculty on a trip to Washington D.C. on Friday, January 22 for the *Rally and March for Life*. This Rally and March will mark the 37th anniversary of the US Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. Each year two thirds of the students attend this event. This totally peaceful event is encouraging because a huge number of participants are young people. Busses will leave from Devon Prep about 9 AM on the 22nd and will return about 9 PM.

If your son plans to attend the March, please note that *essential* medications must be given to Mrs. Gavin, Devon Prep's School Nurse, by **January 15**. Permission forms must be returned to Fr. Shea by **as soon as possible**.

## REV. FERDINAND NEGRILLOS, SCH.P. 1917 – 2010



Rev. Ferdinand Negrillos, Sch.P., a member of the Devon Prep Community for more than 50 years, passed away on January 2. He was 92. He was a Piarist Father for 68 years. Although most of the current students and parents never knew him, Fr. Negrillos is remembered by many faculty, staff and alumni as a longtime Spanish teacher and bookstore manager at Devon Prep.

Fr. Negrillos was born in Logroño, Spain on May 30, 1917. As a young man he was educated by the Piarist Fathers and later attended the Piarist Fathers' Seminary in Spain where he studied philosophy and theology. He held a degree in education. After his ordination to the priesthood on June 7, 1941 he taught in secondary schools in Aragón, Spain for several years.



In the early 1950's Fr. Negrillos was sent to New York City to serve in a Piarist Mission. In 1957 Devon Prep's first Headmaster, Rev. Stephen Senye, Sch.P., asked Fr. Negrillos to join Devon Prep's faculty as a Spanish teacher. He continued to do so until he retired from classroom teaching in 1982. Read more: <http://devonprep.com/about/news09/fr-negrillos.html>

## PRO-LIFE CLUB HOLDS BABY SUPPLIES DRIVE

Devon Prep's Pro-Life Club is collecting supplies for foundations and organizations throughout the Philadelphia area that specifically support newborn babies and their mothers. The Drive will continue until Friday, January 22, the day of the *Rally and March for Life* in Washington, DC.

All donations will be given to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for distribution to CRS Family Service Centers throughout the five county area. CRS has suggested the following items which are greatly needed by the centers:

- \* BABY FORMULA (either Similac or Good Start brands),
- \* DIAPERS (any and all sizes)
- \* BABY WIPES
- *Monetary donations are also accepted. Any checks should be made payable to "Nutritional Development Services."*

All donations can be brought to your son's homeroom. Questions can be addressed to Mr. Joe Lewis at [jlewis@devonprep.com](mailto:jlewis@devonprep.com).



## DEVON PREP SCHOLARSHIP/ENTRANCE EXAM, JAN. 30 & 31

Devon Prep's Scholarship / Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31 at 8:30 AM. If you know of a young man in 5th through 8th grade who would benefit from a Devon Prep education, please urge him to take our Scholarship/ Entrance test or you can forward his information to Devon's Admissions Director Mr. Patrick Parsons at [pparsons@devonprep.com](mailto:pparsons@devonprep.com).

## SUPPORT THE DEVON PREP ANNUAL FUND

The Devon Prep Annual Fund is a yearly appeal for contributions to support the current operations of the school, and it is a critical part of Devon Prep's fundraising efforts.

It is money donated by trustees, parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, and friends to provide additional resources to enrich the educational experiences of our students. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of providing a Devon Prep education. Tax-deductible Annual Fund gifts are a vital source of revenue. A strong Annual Fund helps to keep tuition affordable.

Gifts to the Annual Fund are powerful, because they go to work immediately and benefit every student, every day. Your gifts support scholarships and financial aid, professional development for our faculty, technology, athletics and classroom materials. For more information about the Annual Fund or to make a donation contact Jean Emhof, Director of Development at 610-688-7337, [development@devonprep.com](mailto:development@devonprep.com), or visit <http://www.devonprep.com/support/giving.html>.



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 6TH GRADE ENTRANCE EXAM

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur in Villanova is hosting a Sixth Grade Entrance and Scholarship Exam for prospective students on Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur is an independent, Catholic college preparatory school for girls from the sixth through the twelfth grades. Notre Dame's strong tradition of learning, both in and out of the classroom, broadens students' horizons and helps them acknowledge the respect and responsibility that is an integral part of their service learning.

The Academy offers busing from 23 school districts and competitive financial aid packages. The average class size is 15 students and the curriculum spans 12 academic disciplines. Numerous extracurricular, leadership and service opportunities exist.

Notre Dame is located at 560 Sproul Road in Villanova, Pa. For more information about the Academy, or to reserve your place at the upcoming entrance exam, contact Mia Wesner, Director of Junior School Admissions (mwesner@ndapa.org), at 610-971-0498 or [www.ndapa.org](http://www.ndapa.org).

## DEVON PREP IN THE NEWS

Below are several links to recent online news articles about Devon Prep.

### BASKETBALL AT A GLANCE

<http://tinyurl.com/bball-outlook>

### HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

<http://tinyurl.com/daily-local-tournament1>

<http://tinyurl.com/daily-local-tournament>

### ALL MAIN LINE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

<http://tinyurl.com/all-main-line-cc>

### HARVEST DRIVE

<http://tinyurl.com/y95wdhl>

### UP FOR A CAUSE

<http://tinyurl.com/yb2ldku>

### GIVING TREE

<http://tinyurl.com/mlsl-giving-tree>

<http://tinyurl.com/giving-tree2>

<http://tinyurl.com/giving-tree-3>

### 1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

<http://tinyurl.com/1st-qtr-honor-roll1>

<http://tinyurl.com/1st-qtr-honor-roll2>

### COMMUNITY SERVICE SOUP KITCHEN

<http://tinyurl.com/soup-kitchen1>

### MIDDLE SCHOOL NJHS

<http://tinyurl.com/njhs1>

<http://tinyurl.com/njhs3>

### FR. NEGRILLOS' OBITUARY

<http://tinyurl.com/fr-negrillos-omit>

### MAIN LINE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<http://tinyurl.com/a-shannon-article>

Questions or comments?  
e-mail [rlombardo@devonprep.com](mailto:rlombardo@devonprep.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday, January 12

\*Regular School Day

\*Religion Exams,

Grades 7, 8, 9, 10

\*Health Exams, Grade 6

\*Art Exam, Grade 7

### Wednesday, January 13

\*Semester Exams

12 PM Dismissal

### Thursday, January 14

\*Semester Exams

12 PM Dismissal

### Friday, January 15

\*Semester Exams

12 PM Dismissal

\*First Semester Ends

### Saturday, January 16

\*Upper School Semi-Formal

7:30 PM

### Monday, January 18

\*Martin Luther King Day

No Classes

### Friday, January 22

\*March for Life, Washington, DC

### Tuesday, January 26

\*Report Cards Distributed

### Friday, January 29

\*Middle School Dance, 7PM

### Saturday & Sunday

January 30 & 31

\*Scholarship /Entrance Exam

8:30 AM

### Wednesday, February 3

\*Devon Shop Open, 6:30 PM

\*Parents Association Meeting

7 PM

### Thursday, February 4

\*College Night For Juniors, 7 PM

### Saturday, February 6

\*Battle of the Bands, 7:30 PM

### Tuesday, February 9

\*American Math Competition,

8:30 AM

\*College Night for Juniors, 7 PM

### Wednesday, February 10

\*Spring TIDE Student Assembly

### Monday, February 15

\*President's Day

No Classes

### Wednesday, February 17

\*Ash Wednesday

### Thursday, February 18

\*Red Cross Blood Drive

### Sunday, February 21

\*Mother - Son Communion

Breakfast, 10 AM

### Thursday, February 25

\*Parent Teacher Conferences

7 PM

No Appointment Necessary,

## FOLLOW DEVON PREP....

All of the events in this newsletter and more can be found on Devon Prep's website <http://www.devonprep.com>.

You can also follow Devon Prep on **Twitter** at <http://twitter.com/DEVONPREP> and join our



**Facebook Fan Page** at <http://tinyurl.com/devonFBpage>

